

House Resolution 1135

By: Representatives Randall of the 138th, Lucas of the 139th, Peake of the 137th, Freeman of the 140th, and Cole of the 125th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., was founded at Howard University in
3 Washington, D.C., by three young, African American men, A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F.
4 Morse, and Charles I. Brown; and

5 WHEREAS, their intention was to establish a fraternity that exemplified the ideals of
6 brotherhood, scholarship, and service and one that viewed itself as a part of the community;
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8 WHEREAS, they believed that fraternity members should be judged on their own merits and
9 not by family background and affluence, race, nationality, skin tone, or hair texture; and

10 WHEREAS, from its inception, the fraternity has served as a mechanism for delivering
11 services to the community, an attitude reflected in the fraternity's motto, "Culture For
12 Service and Service For Humanity"; and

13 WHEREAS, today, the fraternity has grown into an international organization and includes
14 the Phi Beta Sigma Educational Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Housing Foundation, the
15 Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union, and the Phi Beta Sigma Charitable Outreach
16 Foundation, and in 1920, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., was founded as the sister organization
17 of Phi Beta Sigma.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body commend the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., for their
20 service to the community and the country.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity,
3 Inc.